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1. On and after 21 June, about 80 tanks of all types, 12 rocket launchers, 22 AT guns and field guns and a large number of light mortars and armored personnel carriers were seen at Wuhlheide in Berlin. During the night of 27 June, these units left toward the Autobahnring.¹
2. Soviet units with 20 T-34 tanks and guns of all types were assembled in the area of the Nordbahnhof in Berlin on and after 26 June. Other troops were assembled on Humann Platz on 28 and 29 June. Individual units and tanks were observed withdrawing from the city and the sector boundaries.
3. Between 11 p.m. on 28 June and 1:30 a.m. on 29 June, numerous tanks and trucks were seen on Berliner Strasse in Berlin-Weissensee, proceeding toward the perimeter of Berlin. Twenty to 25 trucks moved toward Weissensee-Lichtenberg on 29 June. Some of the trucks were towing mortars. An AT artillery unit was entrained at the Stalin Allee railroad station.²
4. Construction work at Glowe on Ruegen Island was discontinued on 28 June. The removal of construction workers and machinery was to be completed by 31 August. The personnel and material will be used for the construction of dwellings in the Potsdam area.

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5. The unit which had been stationed at the Garde Du Corps Kaserne left the installation on 17 and 18 June. The installation has since remained vacant. Except for guard details, the barracks in Stahnsdorf were vacant.
6. The barracks installations in Dosberitz were believed to be only slightly occupied on 26 June.
7. The Artillery Kaserne in Kuestrin was occupied by about 440 soldiers between 10 and 23 June. Intensive activity and the noise of engines was noted at the installation at 2 p.m. on 17 June. Trucks, ammunition boxes entered the Artillerie Kaserne. All soldiers wore steel helmets and carried field equipment. At 7 p.m., six AA guns returned to the training area installation. Daily practice with these guns was observed prior to 23 June. A curfew was ordered in Kuestrin during the night.
8. During the night of 28 June the loading of tanks, equipment and personnel was observed at the Frankfurter Allee railroad station. About 120 boxcars and 108 flatcars, which were chiefly of the RRym type, were counted. The trains were dispatched toward Wittentarg via Jueterbog. Soviet troops were withdrawn from Berlin-Friedrichshain on 29 June. On 30 June, three trains, each composed of six boxcars and 54 RRym-type cars, were sidetracked at the Ostbahnhof in Berlin. On 29 June, railroad men stated that all cabinet makers in East Berlin would be employed in the conversion of all available boxcars. The Wriezen railroad station was to be the collection point for these converted boxcars. On 29 June, 50 flatcars were sidetracked at the Potsdam railroad station.
9. With the exception of two or three companies, the troops stationed at the engineer camp at Aken were employed at Magdeburg, Dessau-Rosslau, Bitterfeld, and Bernburg on 17 June. The tank unit had also remained at the camp. The troops returned on 25 June and started to construct bridges at the Ebersee Lake. About two companies were employed in Bernburg on 21 and 22 June.³
10. Martial law was lifted in Dessau on 27 June but still remained in force in Halle prior to 29 June.
11. The barracks installations in Glauchau were apparently only occupied by a rear detail of about 150 men prior to 23 June. Martial law had been declared in the area on 18 June. Except for short strikes on 17 June no riots occurred in this area. Numerous patrols were employed in the town.

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12. All was quiet in Eisenach on 25 June. No protest actions had occurred in the town. The strike which had been planned at the former BMW plant had been exposed and, therefore, could be prevented from taking place. Martial law made it almost impossible to approach the Kindel training area. VP sentries had been posted on all approach lanes. On 18 June, the Neue Kaserne in Aue was occupied by about 200 soldiers wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets. At 7 p.m., 24 soldiers, ready for departure, were seen at the guard house. No training activity took place on that day.⁴
13. On 17 June, 24 heavy tanks, 10 to 12 trucks, and about 100 soldiers of the 64th Guards Heavy Tank and SP Regiment of the 8th Guards Mechanized Division were observed proceeding from Grimma toward Leipzig. They were followed by a column of armored scout cars, trucks with 4-barreled AA guns and field kitchens.
14. At 10 p.m. on 17 June 40 to 45 trucks and 450 soldiers arrived at the Flak Kaserne in Brandenburg. Except for 20 vehicles and about 200 soldiers, the unit left again at about 9 a.m. on 18 June. About 50 trucks with AT guns were observed in the yard at 10 p.m. on 25 June. Only 5 trucks were still there at 4 a.m. on 26 June. On and after 27 June, the installation was completely dark at night, leaving the impression that it had been vacated.⁵
15. Comparative calm existed on Ruegen Island during the period of the uprising. It was believed that riots might occur if the workers at the Glowe construction projects were discharged and given no new work.
16. Between 11 p.m. and 2 a.m. during the night of 29 June, about 200 tanks of all types which had previously been observed on the drill grounds at Schoenhauser Allee in East Berlin left toward the north.
17. Martial law was rescinded in Bad Freienwalde on 30 June.

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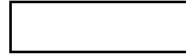
1. Most of the motor vehicles [] the 14th Guards 25X1
Mechanized Division. The units possibly returned to their billeting areas.
2. There is reason to believe that the departure of the units which were employed
in Berlin [] commenced during the night [] 25X1
3. This information refers to the unidentified engineer regiment of the GOFG which
has Bernburg as its permanent post.

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4. No information of the occurrence of major riots or of increased employment of troops in the uranium mining area has been received.
5. It is believed that elements of the 20th Army AT Brigade returned from Altengrabow between 18 and 25 June. Troops of this brigade were employed for security missions in the Brandenburg area.

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